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1. SUMMARY: ALL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS OF JUSTICIALISTA PARTY HAVE BEEN INTERVENED. FRONDIZI HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE MID AND ROGELIO FRIGERIO HAS BEEN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT. LATTER MAY CAUSE FURTHER IRRITATIONS WITH GOA AND WITHIN PARTY. END SUMMARY.

2. PERONISTS. ON JUN 17, THE NEW SECRETARY GENRAL OF THE JUSTICIALISTA PARTY, JORGE CAMUS, ANNOUNCED THAT ALL DISTRICT PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT EXCEPTION ARE TO BE INTERVENED. CAMUS GAVE THE NEED FOR REORGANIZATION AS THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVENTION. SOME SEET IT AS A PERMANENT STEP TOWARD CENTRALIZATION. THE PRACTICAL EFFECT WILL BE THAT AT LEAST FOR A TME THE CENTRAL PARTY ORGANS, THROUGH A DESIGNATED INTERVENTOR, WILL ADMINISTER AND DIRECT ALL PROVINCIAL PARTY ORGANS. THEY HAVE NEVER HAD MUCH AUTONOMY. NOW THEY HAVE NONE.

3. MID. LAST MONTH IN INTERNAL PARTY ELECTIONS AT THE PROVIN-
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CIAL LEVEL, MID LEADER ARTURO FRONDIZI RECEIVED A SHARP REBUFF

IN SANTA FE, THE PARTYS PRINCIPAL STRONGHOLD. THERE FRONDIZIS SLATE WAS DEFEATED BY THE "PARANO GROUP", A DISSIDENT FACTION LED BY AMONG OTHERS, SANTA FE GOVENOR SYLVESTRE BEGNIS. THE "PARANA GROUP" ADVOCATES CLOSER SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENTS (READ GELBARDS) ECONOMIC POLICIES AND BITTERLY OPPOSES THE "DEVELOPMENTATLIST" THEORIES ADVOCATED BY ROGELIO FRIGERIO.

4. FRONDIZI RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY FROM THE LOSS IN SANTA FE, TO MAINTAIN HIS PLACE AS PARTY PRESIDENT AT THE MID NATIONAL CONGRESS ON JUNE 8. EVEN MORE GALLING TO THE "PARANA GROUP" WAS THE ELECTION WITH FRONDIZIS BACKING OF ROGELIO FRIGERIO AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PARYT. THIS IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN STEPPED UP MID CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENTS ECONOMIC POLICES AND PERHAPS A GROWING ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE VMID AND THE PERONISTS. (INDEED FRIGERIOS ELECTION MAY HAVE BEEN ONE FACTOR WHICH PROMPTED THE CGT TO ATTACK CLARIN, A NEWSPAPER CONTROLLED BY THE FRONDIZI FACTION OF THE MID.) FRIGERIOS ELECTION ALSO PROBABLY PORTENDS INCREASING RUPTURES WITHIN THE MID ITSELF.

5. PDP. THE PROGRESSVIVE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PARTIDO DEMOCRATA PROGRESISTA-PDP) HELD ITS NATIONAL CONGRESS ON JUNE 8 AND RE-ELECTED HORACIO THEDY AS PRESIDENT.

6. DURING THE ELECTIONS OF 1973 THE PDP SPLIT, WITH ONE FACTION HEADED BY MARTINEZ RAYMONDA JOINING MANRIQUE, AND A MINORITY LED BY THEDY THROWING IN WITH THE UCR. THE PARTY IS AGIAN UNITED. RAYMONDA NO LONGER SUPPORTS MANRIQUE. DIFFERENCES REMAIN, EVEN SO. THEDY IS MORE WILLING TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT THAN IS RAYMONDA, WHO FAVORS A POLICY OF BRISTLING OPPOSITION.

7. UCR. THE NEW UCR NATIONAL COMMITTEE APPARENTLY IS NOW SCHEDULED TO CONVENE THE FIRST WEEK IN JULY. IT IS NOW ALMOST A FOREGONE CLNCLUSION THAT RICARDO BALBIN WILL BE RE-ELECTED PARTY LEADER.
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